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February 3, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SEVEN HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS FOR
TESTING IN COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES (Districts 1- 4) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign amendments to agreements for the provision of HIV/STD counseling and testing services, contingent upon review and approval by County Counsel, with seven community organizations, to allow HIV/STD testing at commercial sex venues, with no increases or changes in the maximum obligations or effective terms of the agreements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

At the November 30, and December 7, 2004 Board meetings, the Board approved 53 new agreements for HIV/AIDS prevention services, including agreements for HIV counseling and testing services.

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In approving the recommended action, the Board is delegating authority to the Director of Health Services (DHS or Department), or his designee, to approve and sign amendments to seven agreements for the provision of HIV/AIDS counseling and testing services, to allow HIV/STD testing at commercial sex venues, with no increases or changes in the maximum obligations or effective terms of the agreements with the HIV/AIDS service providers identified in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no increase in the maximum obligations of the agreements and no increase in net County cost. The maximum obligation of the County for the seven agreements for all service modalities is \$9,316,090.

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 Adopted Budget and will be requested as a continuing appropriation for future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On September 7, 2004, the Board approved the Department's recommendations related to approval of an ordinance concerning commercial sex venues (CSVs). The draft regulations which were recommended to the Board to implement the ordinance included requirements for HIV/STD counseling and testing in the CSVs, with the CSV owners and the County sharing the costs of the counseling and testing. The owners will be required to retain certified counselors to conduct the counseling and testing and DHS will provide the supplies and laboratory testing.

All eleven existing CSVs are in the City of Los Angeles. In order for the ordinance and regulations to be effective in the City of Los Angeles, the City must adopt the ordinance. On November 16, 2004, the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee requested the City Attorney to work with County staff to draft an ordinance. City and County staff have met and city staff expect the ordinance to be presented to the committee on February 15, 2005.

Once the City Council approves the ordinance, the CSV owners will have six months to come into compliance with the regulations.

When the Department proposed the new HIV/AIDS counseling and testing agreements, it was assumed that the counseling and testing which is required under the CSV ordinance would begin in early 2005 and thus DHS resources were allocated to the laboratory tests and supplies. Therefore, none of the new agreements for counseling and testing include the CSVs as eligible venues.

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The recommended amendments will allow agencies to provide the HIV/STD counseling and testing in CSVs in the interim until the ordinance and regulations become effective in the city. The amendments will adjust the scope of work to add CSVs as an eligible venue and require MOUs between the agencies and the CSVs for implementation.

If the City does not approve the ordinance, the Department will return to the Board with recommendations for a different approach to CSV regulation, which will include HIV/STD counseling and testing.

County Counsel will review the amendments as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 1, 2004, consistent with the Prevention Planning Committee's (PPC) prevention plan for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2008, DHS released Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2004-04 HIV Prevention Services for HIV/AIDS Health Education/Risk Reduction Services, HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Services, HIV/AIDS Prevention Case Management Services and HIV/AIDS School-based Prevention Services. The agreements which are being amended were approved based on proposals as part of this RFP.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECT):

Approval of these HIV/AIDS amendments will assure that HIV/STD counseling and testing is available in CSVs, pending the approval and implementation of the ordinance and regulations in the City of Los Angeles.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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TLG:

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

HIV/AIDS Prevention Services

2. AGENCY NAME AND CONTACT PERSON:

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Los Angeles, California 90028-8073
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Fax: (323) 962-8513
- B. AltaMed Health Services Corporation
500 Citadel Drive, Suite 490
Los Angeles, California 90040
Attention: Castulo de la Rocha, President/CEO
Telephone: (323) 725-8751
Fax: (323) 889-7399
- C. Bienestar Human Services, Inc
5326 East Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90022
Attention: Oscar de la O, President & CEO
Telephone: (323) 727-7896
Fax: (323) 727-0284
- D. California State University Long Beach Foundation
6300 State University Drive, Suite 332
Long Beach, California 90315-4669
Attention: Susanne DeRosa, Director
Grants, Contracts and Foundation Program
Telephone: (562) 985-7619
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- E. Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center
1625 Schrader Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90028
Attention: Lorri L. Jean, Executive Director
Telephone: (323) 993-7609
Fax: (323) 308-4002

F. Tarzana Treatment Center, Inc.
18646 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, California 91356-1486
Attention: Albert Senella, Chief Operating Officer
Telephone: (818) 996-1051 x1124
Fax: (818) 345-3778

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6801 Coldwater Canyon Avenue
North Hollywood, California 91601
Attention: Diane Chamberlain, Co-Interim CEO
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Fax: (818) 763-7231

3. TERMS:

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There is no change in the maximum obligations of the agreements.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED:

Service Planning Areas 2, 4, 8

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Charles L. Henry, Director
Office of AIDS Programs and Policy

APPROVALS:

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